



**JOINT MEETING MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD and ARTS TASK FORCE
JUNE 25, 2018 6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING I, ROOM 300
50 E. CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, GILBERT, AZ 85296**

PARKS BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Les Presmyk, Chair
Robert Ferron, Vice Chair
Barbara Guy
Gilbert Honeycutt
Jennifer Jones
Mark LaPorte
Edward Madrid
Christopher Wharton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matthew Roberts

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

Eddie Cook, Councilmember

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mike Evans, Desert Rivers Audubon

ARTS TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Evgeniya Barabasz-Lynn
Sandra Reynolds
Jean Smith

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Gotlieb
Cherie Scott

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Carmona, Interim Parks and Rec. Director
John Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Manager
Denise Merdon, Special Events
Ryan Blair, CIP Project Manager

CONSULTANT TEAM PRESENT

Sean Wozny, Kimley-Horn
Marissa Pellegrini, Kimley-Horn

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Presmyk called the Joint Meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** The roll was called and a quorum of the Parks Board was present. A quorum of the Arts Task Force was present as of 6:12 P.M.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Councilmember Cook administered the Oaths of Office to returning Board member Les Presmyk and new Board member Gilbert Honeycutt.
5. **COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS PRESENT:** Members of the public may comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Board, but not on the agenda. The Board's response is limited to responding to criticism, asking staff to review a matter commented upon, or asking that a matter be put on a future agenda.

There were no communications from citizens at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

6. None.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

7. None.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 8. OCOTILLO BRIDGE UPDATE:** John Kennedy reported on the two prior joint meetings with the Arts Task Force held in February and March, 2018, to begin the Ocotillo Bridge Project. The CIP team and design team took all of the comments from those meetings and developed six themes. The purpose of this meeting is to review those themes and conduct exercises to narrow down the choices. The next step will be to bring the preferred themes to the public outreach process.

Ryan Blair, CIP Supervisor, Engineering, advised that there is current funding in place for Kimley-Horn to conduct an assessment and develop design options for the Ocotillo Bridge. The process for the Regional Park is currently underway in the basin for the future Bridge. The intent is to marry the themes for the Park and the Bridge. All of the ideas brought forth in this process will be held until funding is available to develop the Bridge design, projected for 2022. At that point, this group will come together again to assist in the design process. Construction of the Bridge is estimated for funding in 2023. This is a long process, although ideas for the Bridge can be developed now at the same time as the Regional Park project. He invited Kimley-Horn to provide a presentation on themes for the Bridge.

Members of the Kimley-Horn design team in attendance were Sean Wozny and Marissa Pellegrini. The six themes presented for the Ocotillo Bridge were developed with input from the Regional Park design team, the Parks Board and Arts Task Force, as well as previous outreach efforts on the Regional Park Master Plan. As the Regional Park is partially located in a water retention basin with the San Tan Mountains in the background, the topography can play a big part in the Bridge design. As the Bridge will accommodate not only vehicle traffic, but pedestrians and bicycles, there is the opportunity to create unique user experiences from different vantage points. Mr. Wozny reviewed each of the themes and how different elements can be applied to aesthetics for potential Bridge concepts. A variety of materials, colors, textures, patterns and lighting elements were presented in detail for each of the following themes:

THEMES:

- Agricultural
- Desert Canyons
- Mountains
- Desert Oasis
- Local Identity
- Waterways and Washes

Members of the Parks Board and Arts Task Force were given time to review the different themes and vote for their top three choices.

The Kimley-Horn design team will take the top four preferred themes to Gilbert Digital to kick off the public outreach process. The outreach will include local school district boards, universities, as well as an online presence. All of that feedback will be used to further narrow the themes down to two choices.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

9. MINUTES—Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of February 13, 2018:

MOTION: Robert Ferron moved to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board and Arts Task Force Joint Meeting of February 13, 2018; seconded by Barbara Guy. The Motion passed unanimously.

CONCLUSION

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Robert Ferron moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board and the Arts Task Force; seconded by Barbara Guy. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Chair

Denise Merdon, Staff Liaison

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